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1. POPULATION SITUATION OF MAINLAND CHINA HAS COME UP REPEATEDLY IN PROGRAMS I HAVE ATTENDED HERE RECENTLY ON WORLD POPULATION MATTERS. DISCUSSION HAS INDICATED NEED AND USEFULNESS EDUCATING LOCAL LEADERS ON FACTS RE CHINA'S POPULATION PROBLEMS, CONTROL PROGRAM AND POLICIES, BOTH DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL.

2. E.G., DURING INFORMAL CONVERSATION BEFORE INTERNATIONAL POPULATION SEMINAR AT USIS AMERICAN CENTER OCT 24, BEGUM REHANA SARWAR, PUNJAB GOVERNMENT PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY (I.E., JUNIOR MINISTER) FOR EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE, WAS SURPRISED TO LEARN OF EXTENSIVENESS AND APPARENT SUCCESS OF CHINESE DOMESTIC FP PROGRAM INCLUDING USE OF BAREFOOT DOCTORS, DELAYED MARRIAGE AND VARIOUS FERTILITY CONTROL METHODS. SHE WISHED SHE HAD HAD SUCH INFO DURING RECENT DISCUSSION OF SUBJECT IN PUNJAB ASSEMBLY, AND SAID SHE WOULD WELCOME BRIEFING MATERIAL ON PRC POPULATION MATTERS.

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3. RECEIVED SIMILAR INDICATION OF INTEREST FROM BEGUM SARWAR'S BOSS, EDUCATION MINISTER DR. ABDUL KHALIQ, WHO CHAIRED SIMILAR SEMINAR UNDER U.N.A. PREVIOUS DAY AT PAK NATIONAL CENTER. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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4. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH MUMTAZ AHMAD KHAN, NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF PAKISTAN-CHINA FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION (PCFA), I HIT MUMTAZ HARD CONCERNING CYNICAL, INCONSISTENT PRC POLICIES OF PURSUING TIGHT POPULATION CONTROLS AT HOME WHILE REFUSING SUPPORT P/FP ABROAD, AS IN POSTURE AT BUCHAREST CONFERENCE. MUMTAZ APPRECIATED POINT, SYMPATHIZED WITH IDEA OF URGING CHINESE TO ADOPT MORE COOPERATIVE FOREIGN POPULATION POLICY BOTH BILATERALLY AND THROUGH UN, AND AGREED TO TALK UP ISSUE IN HIS CONTACTS WITH CHINESE OFFICIALS.

5. MUMTAZ (OLD FRIEND OF MINE) AS FOUNDER OF PCFA FREQUENTLY MEETS AND ENTERTAINS PRC DIPLOMATS AND VIP VISITORS. HE IS INVOLVED BASICALLY FOR NATIONALISTIC, ANTI-SOVIET REASONS, RATHER THAN IDEOLOGICAL SYMPATHIES WITH PRC. BELIEVE HIS VOICE COULD BE USEFUL TO SOME EXTENT WITH CHINESE RE THIRD WORLD POPULATION MATTERS.

6. ACTION: REQUEST PACKET OF PERTINENT MATERIALS TO PASS TO THESE AND OTHERS INTERESTED IN SUBJECT, INCLUDING BEST AVAILABLE ACCOUNTS OF PRC P/FP POLICIES AND PROGRAMS (E.G., DRAPER CHINA REPORT) AND TRANSCRIPTS OF OFFICIAL PRC STATEMENTS AT BUCHAREST AND OTHER CONFERENCES. (NO NEED INCLUDE PRC STATEMENTS AT 1973 INTERNATIONAL POPULATION CONFERENCE LAHORE WHICH AVAILABLE HERE.) SPENGLER

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